to the opening of fire by police resulting in the death of Gulam Rasool and his associate on 28-12-91.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to maintain public order through the machinery of police agencies. However the Central Government have issued detailed guidelines from time to time for providing necessary protection and security to journalists so that they may discharge their professional duties effectively and in an independent manner. The State Governments have also been advised to ensure prompt registration and investigation of cases relating to attack on journalists and to take action against erring officials.

Orders for deletion of News-Item from Indian Express, Chandigarh

3130. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

(a) Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some officials of the Home Department of the Chandigarh Administration visited the office of a Chandigarh English Daily, 'The Indian Express' on the night of February 15 and 16 and after inspection of the various news-items, ordered deletion of one or two of them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh, the Executive Magistrate, in pursuance of the orders issued by the Administratior under Section 95 Cr.P.C., had visited the office of Chandigarh English Dailies including the 'Indian Express' on the night of 15th/16th February, 1992. After noticing an objectionable news-item likely to be published by the said newspaper, the Editor of the said newspaper was requested to delete the said objectionable news-item to avoid forfeiture under Section 95 Cr. P.C.

Crimes in Delhi

3131. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crimes in the Capital have been spiralling alarmingly for the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, till date;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to check this alarming rise in crimes in the capital; and

(d) the number of criminals arrested/convicted during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There has been an increase in the over-all crime during 1991 as compared to 1990 and 1989.

(b) The information is contained in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The steps taken by the Government to curb crime include increased patrosling, posting of pickets as strategic points; strengthening of intelligene; frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals; increased surveillence; coordination meeting with the officials of the neighbouring States; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; and modernisation of communication network.

(d) The information is contained in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Year	Cases reported	Persons arrested	Persons convicted
1	2	3	4
DACOITY			
1989	15	61	..
1990	21	81	..
1991	33	152	..
MURDER			
1989	351	555	3
1990	394	679	1
1991	496	910	..
ATTEMPT TO MURDER			
1989	367	707	4
1990	387	740	1
1991	501	932	..
ROBBERY			
1989	214	369	8
1990	224	386	1
1991	284	478	2
RIOTS			
1989	150	1225	..
1990	301	2219	..
1991	329	1272	..
SNATCHING			
1989	215	185	30
1990	205	179	16
1991	269	251	4
HURTS			
1989	1791	3194	23
1990	1845	3118	9
1991	2081	3311	11

1	2	3	4
BURGLARY			
1989	1523	997	184
1990	1550	978	106
1991	1628	917	42
THEFT			
1989	12335	5157	920
1990	12217	5160	512
1991	13145	4919	185
OTHER I.P.C.			
1989	13563	14453	1336
1990	14706	15062	1198
1991	16110	14682	1104
TOTAL I.P.C.			
1989	30524	26903	2508
1990	31850	28602	1844
1991	34876	27824	1348
TOTAL LOCAL AND SPECIAL LAWS			
1989	7725	11169	5475
1990	9395	14955	7473
1991	12074	18525	8500
GRAND TOTAL			
1989	38249	38072	7983
1990	41245	43557	9317
1991	46950	46349	9848